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Madrid, Dec. 31. *N. S.*

THE King of *Spain* continues in perfect Health; He dined in Publick on *Christmas* day, and received the usual Compliments from the Ministers of State and other Persons of Quality. He has made Don *Gabriel Ponce* Brother to the Duke of *Arcos*, a Grandee of *Spain*. The Duke of *Beyar* is likewise made a Grandee. On the 23d Instant died here, in the 88th year of his Age, Don *Pedro Paulo Spinola*, Marquis *de los Balbaces*, Counsellor of State, and President of the Council for the Affairs of *Italy*; He was Famous for his Negociations abroad, having been Ambassador from *Spain* at the Emperor's Court, Plenipotentiary for the Peace at *Nimeguen*, and afterwards Ambassador at the Court of *France* for the Marriage of the King of *Spain* with the late Queen, who was Daughter to the Duke of *Orleans*. The Prince of *Hesse Darmstadt*, Governor of *Catalonia*, has been very ill, but is perfectly recovered. The Marquis of *Leganez*, who has likewise been indisposed, is well again. The Duke of *Holstein Ploen*, General of the *Spanish* Horse in the *Netherlands*, is come hither from *Flanders*.

Venice, Jan. 15. The Senate have resolved to make use of the present time of Peace, to repair and augment, as shall be found necessary, all their Frontier Places in *Dalmatia* and the *Morea*, and to provide them with good Magazines. Most of the Servants and Equipage of Count *Berka*, Ambassador from the Emperor to this Republick, are arrived here, and his Excellency is expected in few days; 'Tis said, he has all the necessary Powers and Instructions for accommodating the Differences between the Emperor and this State about the Limits of their respective Dominions on the Borders of *Dalmatia* and *Croatia*. The Duke of *Mantua* has sent part of his Retinue to *Mantua*, however 'tis believed he will continue in this City till the Carnaval is over. Cardinal *Cornaro*, Bishop of *Padua*, is taking Informations concerning the Life and Conversation of Cardinal *Barberini* his Predecessor in that Bishoprick, in order to his being Canonized. Letters from *Rome* of the 29th of the last Month say, the Pope was quite freed of his Feaver, but continued still extream weak; He has not yet declared the two Cardinals he reserved in Petto, nor fixed upon the Choice of Nuncio's to be sent to the Courts at *Vienna*, *Paris*, and *Madrid*, in the Room of the Nuncio's now there, who being made Cardinals, are ordered to return hither, altho he is very much pressed to do both by Cardinal *Spada*, and the other Cardinals that have the liberty of coming to him. The last Advices from *Constantinople* give an Account, that the Envoy of *Muscovy* way frequently in Conference with the Grand Vizier to treat of prolonging the Truce, or making a Peace between the *Ottoman* Empire and the Czar of *Muscovy*, but that the *Turks* insist that *Azoph* be restored to them, which the Czar will by no means consent to; However the *Turks* having at present a great inclination to Peace, it's likely some Expedient may be found to remove this Difficulty, in which the Port will be the more forward, if what is reported be true, *viz.* That the *Persians* intend to make War upon the *Turks*, and are making great Preparations for this purpose.

Warsaw, Jan. 3. The Cardinal Primate has sent an Express to the King of *Poland* with the *Universalia* or Circular Letters for calling together a General Diet, which, as soon as the King has signed them, will be sent to the several Palatinates, that they may chuse their Deputies, and the Diet be ready to sit immediately after the King's return hither, who is expected in a short time. They write from *Cracow*, that the Bishop of that Place died there some days ago; He will doubtless be much regreted by the King, to whom he was very serviceable at the time of his Election, having Proclaimed and Crowned him King upon the Primate's refusing to do it. Lieutenant-General *Greben* is appointed to be Governor of the City of *Elbing*, and has received Orders to march thither with his Regiment, in order to take Possession of that Place as soon as the Elector of *Brandenburgh*'s Forces have evacuated it.

Copenhagen, Jan. 12. The King of *Denmark*'s Journey to *Holstein* continues very uncertain. The Count of *Raventlau* is raising a Regiment of Dragoons, and Commissions are given out for raising several Regiments of Horse. The Fleet is ordered to be fitted out early in the Spring, and this Court seems to continue in a Resolution, to oblige the Duke of *Holstein* to demolish the Forts he has lately built in *Holstein*, notwithstanding the Assistance he may expect from *Sweden*, or the Princes of the House of *Lunenburg*. Monsieur *Ablefeldt*, Envoy from the King of *Denmark* to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, is ordered to return home. Monsieur *Van Oosten* being sent to reside at *Berlin* in his room. The Difference between this Court and the Envoys residing here, about the manner of their Reception, is not yet adjusted, so that none of them has yet had Audience of the King.

Vienna,